conditions of interconnectivity between the service providers as fixed by TRAI, TDSAT has power to pass even *ex-parte* interim orders to stop any threatened disruption of telecom services.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Details have been given at (a) above. TRAI has appealed to Supreme Court against the above decisions of TDSAT.

(d) No, Sir. Powers of TRAI have only been clarified by TDSAT *vide* its judgement.

installation of BTS towers in Eastern U.P.

†321. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not achieving the desired success in the Governments efforts to provide telephone in the rural areas of eastern Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the work relating to installation of BTS towers in the districts of Azamgarh, Mau, Suitanpur, Faizabad and Jaunpur is going on at a snail's pace and the existing exchanges are almost non-operational;

(c) the details of operational BTS towers in the above districts; and the locations where towers are likely to be installed in the near future;

(d) whether Government propose to bring almost all the populations of the above districts within the ambit of either mobile or landline telephones; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Desired success in providing telephone could not be achieved due to non-availability of Fixed Wireless Telephones (FWTs), underground cables and commercial supply of electricity.

(b) No. Sir. All the Code Division Multiplex Access (CDMA) Base Terminal

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Stations (BTS) have been installed and are working satisfactorily. However, Base Terminal Stations at Mehnagar and Maharajganj in Azamgarh are likely to be commissioned by March, 2005.

(c) District-wise details of operational CDMA BTSs towers is given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(d) and (e) The office of Administrator USO Fund is providing support for setting up of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in the unconnected villages, excluding villages which are depopulated, naxalite/insurgency infested, having population of less than hundred persons and those lying in deep forest areas. This office has recently entered into an agreement with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for providing VPTs in such remaining villages in phase-wise manner, which would be completed by November, 2007.

Statement

District-wise details of Operational CDMA BTS towers in Eastern Uttar Pradesh

SI. No.	Name of the District	Location
1	Azamgarh	Azamgarh, Geanpur, Koilsa, Langanj & Phoolpur
2	Mau	Ghosi, Mau & Mohammadabad
3	Suitanpur	Amethi, Jia, Kadipur, Musafirkhana & Suitanpur
4	Faizabad	Akbarpur, Faizabad, Jahangirganj, Jalaipur, Milkipur & Tanda
5	Jaunpur	Badaipur, Jaunpur, Kerakat, Macchilisahar, Mariyahun & Shahganj.

Corruption in distribution of SIM Cards

†322. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is large scale corruption prevailing in distribution of SIM cards in eastern U.P., where waitlisted

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